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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

This amendment for the patent application identified above is in response to the Non-Final Office action dated November 10, 2011, which set a shortened statutory period for response that expired on February 10, 2012.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper. Kindly amend this application as indicated herein.